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If you have any questions, please call me at (703)412-2410.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey L. Forman
Program Manager, Patent Office Liaison

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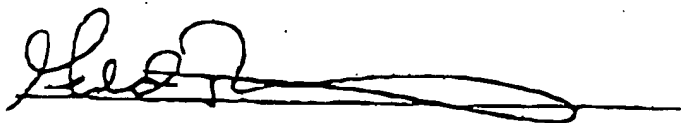
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